



MRS. HARVEY VAN METER

Santa Ana Wedding Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams of 1726 W. 26th street, this week announced the marriage of their daughter, Jean, and Harvey Van Meter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Meter of Long Beach which took place in Santa Ana July 28.

The new Mrs. Van Meter received her early education in Long Beach before enrolling in Torrance High School a year ago where she has taken her place in musical circles. As a soloist of note she has appeared before many civic and school audiences in Torrance.

The bridegroom attended Polytechnic High School in Long Beach and graduated from Narbonne High School, later enrolling in Harbor Junior College.

ADDITION TO STAFF

Leo Mischel of the Torrance Variety announces an addition to the staff. Michael Sigmund Mischel, stockboy, weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 ounces Sunday morning at 4:40 o'clock. All the Mischels are doing nicely, according to the father.

YOUTHFUL VACATIONER

Howard F. Owen returned recently from a two weeks' visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cline of Little Rock. Howard also spent a few days recently with another uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kruse of Gardena.

Every woman deserves to have one man in her life who can "fix things."

Local Miss Starts Career In Education

Miss Jeannette Mae Probert left this week for Walla Walla, Wash., where she will assume duties as instructor of physical education and recreation director at Whitman College. Miss Probert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Probert of 1428 El Prado, was graduated in June with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from University of Southern California, her father's alma mater.

Kiwanians Compliment Mrs. Wood

In recognition of her loyal cooperation in providing piano accompaniment at Kiwanis Club meetings, Mrs. Jessie Wood, charming wife of Dr. Howard A. Wood, recently was the recipient of a handsome china clock from the service club of which her husband is an active member.

The gift presentation was made by John E. McCall, former City Attorney.

Gift Shower Compliments Recent Bride

Mrs. John H. Fess and Mrs. Fred Bever were hostesses recently at the Eldorado home of the bride when they entertained at an attractively appointed shower for Miss Jean LaVena Hamilton, niece of Mrs. A. Shriver, with whom she made her home for several years.

Miss Hamilton recently became the bride of John Hicks of Bellflower in a ceremony performed in Glendale Methodist Church.

Out of town shower guests were Mesdames Jay Allen, Walnut Park; M. Hicks, and niece, Gardena; Clyde Shriver, C. Shriver, San Gabriel; Eva Thomas, Burbank; Florence Childs, Lomita; Miss Audrey Minen, Compton.

From Torrance were Mesdames A. Shriver, John E. Miller, H. Archer Lewis, L. C. Miller, and Miss Joyce Bever.

OES Chapter to Honor '49 Officers

Anticipating another gala party, the officers and members of Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will be in attendance this evening in Torrance Masonic Temple to honor the 1949 officers of the organization.

Worthy Matron Gladys Muthersell and Worthy Patron Frederick Cook will relinquish their stations to Mildred Edwards and Leonard Babcock who were matron and patron in 1949. Past Matron Mildred Edwards has been busily preparing for the party and states that all officers of 1949 will be present to officiate in the stations they held last year.

Florence Viellenave is chairman for the evening and with the assistance of her committee has decorated the banquet room and will provide refreshments and entertainment for the party which will follow the chapter meeting.

RNA's Set Flower Event

Members of Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, are looking forward to Monday, August 28, when a flower arrangement demonstration will be presented for their enjoyment in their meeting place, Torrance Woman's Clubhouse.

A short program also has been scheduled for that evening for members and friends of the organization.

VACATION ENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Augustine E. Bray of 23114 Huber avenue returned recently from a month's vacation visiting friends and relatives in Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. Accompanying them home for an extended visit was her aunt, Mrs. H. R. Owens of Lake City, Ark. Grand Canyon and other points of interest highlighted the return trip, the Brays and their guest report.

Women's Activities...



MR. AND MRS. GERALD ROBERT WITT

Marlene Quaggin Becomes Mrs. Gerald Robert Witt

St. James Episcopal Church at Newport Beach was the setting Sunday afternoon when Miss Marlene Mae Quaggin recited vows to become the bride of Mr. Gerald Robert Witt of Manhattan Beach. Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector and Rev. Arthur Bello, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiated in the presence of 250 guests.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Roberts of 4609 Anapola avenue; Mr. Witt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witt of Manhattan Beach.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the lovely bride wore a ballerina length gown of imported white lace over matching satin and carried a fan arrangement of stephanotis and white lace surrounding a white orchid. Her veil of imported lace and net was held by a poke bonnet of matching lace.

Her attendants were Miss Joy Oursler, as maid of honor; Misses Barbara Lou Kelley, Pauline Ban, Joanne Sandstrom and Mrs. Richard F. Hattrup, Jr. (Geochia Bidwell). All wore ballerina-length gowns of white embossed organdy over pastel taffeta and carried fans of white carnations tied with satin ribbon which exactly matched their underslips. The maid of honor chose pink, Miss Ban, green; Miss Sandstrom, yellow and Mrs. Hattrup, blue. Their gowns were complemented by satin ballerina slippers dyed to match their gowns.

Francine Wheeler was flower girl in white marquisette with lace cap and a nosegay combining all the colors of the bridal attendants' gowns.

Jack Witt attended his brother as best man and ushering were Robert Walker, Paul Held, William Squair and Don Sherman.

As a prelude to the impressive ceremony Don Clapp sang

MOTHER IS HOUSE GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lund of 1415 Post avenue are entertaining his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Lund, of Shenandoah, Iowa. Mrs. Lund, 66, has operated a large women's ready-to-wear store in Shenandoah. She recently completed a Grand Opening of a larger and modern store and arrived to spend a portion of the summer in California with her son and daughter-in-law.

Paradox: It takes a lot of waste motion to keep a woman's figure.

American War Mothers to Institute Chapter Here

The American War Mothers of Torrance will hold their first official meeting in the Auxiliary room of VFW clubhouse, Arlington avenue at Washington, at 3:30 Monday afternoon, August 21. Purpose of the meeting is the institution of the local chapter, obligation of members and election of a staff of officers.

All members are urgently requested to attend. Any mother who has or who has had a son in service is cordially invited. Members joining within the next few weeks will be privileged to sign as charter members. In view of current war activities it is expected that the local chapter will have a large and active membership.

Allegros Compliment Reservists

Grand View Gardens in Chino, Los Angeles, recently was the setting for a farewell Saturday evening party given to honor Monty Moore and Edwin Mims. The festivities included dinner and dancing, followed by a late stage show.

Farewell toasts were drunk to the honored guests, Monty Moore, United States Naval Reserve, who was to report to San Diego Monday, and Edwin Mims, United States Army Air Force Reserve, who joined his unit at Victorville Thursday.

Present were the honor guests and their wives and Messrs. and Mrs. Robert Kelsey, Paul Harestad, Clair Johnson, Eugene Hatter, Fred Smith, Ray Lires, Fran Lehr, Grant Barnes, and Larry Baldwin.

Other recent activities of the Allegros, young matrons' group, include a week-end at the Bakersfield Inn and a family picnic at Anaheim Park.

Attend Concert

Attending Saturday evening's concert in Hollywood Bowl were 30 members of Bethel 50, Job's Daughters. They were accompanied by Mrs. Edna Babcock and daughter Susan, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Luster, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDonald and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robison, and Mrs. E. Young.

Torrance Woman Elected Legion Vice Commander

Torrance was honored recently with the election of Edith White (Mrs. Coy White) of 1407 Beech avenue to the newly created office of 3rd vice commander of 19th District American Legion for 1950-51. She will be installed with Commander Henry Wilson, of Norwalk, and his staff, in ceremonies set for September 13 in Norwalk Woman's Clubhouse.

Mrs. White, who is employed as a clerk in Gardena Post Office, is a veteran of

World War II, having served as a yeoman 2/c WAVE, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

A member of Long Beach Women's Post 378, she has completed a term as 19th District Hospital chairman and has worked tirelessly among the 45 posts in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area providing visitations for Long Beach Veterans Hospital (Long Beach Navy Hospital) and was active in sponsoring the hospital Christmas program.

Bethel Choir Elects Head

In preparation for the 'Supreme Session in Long Beach, choir members of Torrance Bethel 50 met last Tuesday evening for rehearsal at the Sonoma avenue home of Mrs. Charlotte Robison.

During the brief business session, Carol Mollay accepted the presidency of the choir group.

The remainder of the evening was spent making tickets for the Bethel-sponsored fashion show and luncheon scheduled for August 29.

Present were Beverly Luster, Janet Poh, Norma LeClercq, Donna Rose, Sally Speck, Charlotte Anderson, Donna Wolf, Jane Moffatt, Sandra Grubb, Lou Ann McFarland, Marian McDonald, Carol Mollay, and Elizabeth Hidgecock.

BIRTHDAYS FETED

A traditional family birthday party for all members of the group was celebrated at Padua Hills, Claremont when Mrs. Jessie Houtz of Alhambra was dinner and theater hostess.

Instead of each member of her family having a birthday observance when the anniversary occurs, all meet once a year to fete them all.

The Mexican Players sang a serenade to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Templeton, 408 S. Gertrude street, Redondo Beach; to their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Templeton, 6154 Elvira avenue, Redondo Beach and to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Black, 17224 Atkinson street, Torrance. Mrs. Houtz and the elder Mr. Templeton are sister and brother.

Study period; the time when a teen-ager is changing from one radio program to another.

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